Mills without the payment of wages to 6000 old workers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any action for the payment of wages to the workers of the Delhi Cloth Mills; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The management of Delhi Cloth and General Mills submitted an application on 27-3-1985 to the Delhi Administration for permission under Section 25(0) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to close down the unit with effect from 1-7-1985. The reasons stated by the management to close down the Mill relate, among others, to the factory buildings being very old, the location and operation of the Mill at the site being violative of the land use specified in the Master Plan for Delhi, the dense population in the vicinity being exposed to hazards of pollution, traffic, fire and unhealthy environment and it being not economically viable to run the Mill.

The Delhi Administration, the appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, refused permission to the management to close down the Mill on 15-4-1985, whereupon the management filed a writ petition in the Delhi Hight Court against the order of the Delhi Administration rejecting the Company's application for closure. The matter is *sub-judice*.

Boosting of housing activities for letting out

1754. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that rent laws in the country which are heavily weighed in favour of tenants, resulting bad physical condition of the houses and discourage the construction of houses for letting out;

(b) whether Government propose to issue guidelines to States to amend rent laws, in order to boost construction of houses in the country; and

(c) if not, what other steps Government propose to take to give a fillip to housing activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Rent Control is a State subject and this Ministry is administratively concerned with Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958. However, representations are received in this effect from time to time.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal at present. However, amendment of Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958 is under consideration which may become a model Act for the State Governments and in turn boost housing activity.

Screening of serial 'Tamas'

1755. SHRI RAM CHADRA VIKAL:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any controversy has arisen on the telecasting of the serial 'Tamas';

(b) if so, what is the feed back received by Government regarding this serial and whether any survey has been carried out about the viewers' reactions by any official or non-official agency, if so, the details thereof;